



# WHANGAPARAOA COLLEGE

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## Newsletter

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*Attitude is a choice. Happiness is a choice. Optimism is a choice.*

*Kindness is a choice. Giving is a choice. Respect is a choice.*

*Whatever choice you make makes you. Choose wisely." — Roy T. Bennett*

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## From the Principal's Desk

It has been good to welcome everyone back on-site here at the College. Overall, we have had two very settled weeks. The attendance by learners has been at or better than we normally have at this time of year; and we have had 3 or 4 days when 100% of our staff have been working on site. There is a lot less seasonal illness than we would normally expect. It seems clear that frequent hand washing, and the 'dab sneeze' etiquette are practices we should take forward – plus the good sense of staying home and looking after yourself if you are unwell.

Like me, I imagine you are very grateful that New Zealand has had very few new cases over the last 2 to 3 weeks and we have only one active case (at time of writing).

The focus at school has been on returning, reconnecting and re-engaging. This seems to have gone very well for most learners; but I know there have been stresses and strains for some. If there is something you feel we should know, please contact your child's Kaiārahi in the first instance.

Over the weeks since lockdown we have cleared much of our calendar, and only had the regular timetabled teaching and learning. As a result, it has been very peaceful! We are now in the process of planning what the calendar will look like for the remainder of the year. One thing is clear, we will not pick up the eight weeks of trips, activities and events that could not take place because of lockdown and squeeze them into an already very busy calendar. In fact, we have cleared the 2020 calendar and re-building it from the ground up. I've mentioned before that our Year 13 Learners will be given some priority treatment as the year continues. This will certainly occur when it comes to slotting activities, events, and trips back into the calendar. The next six months are the last six months of schooling for our Year 13 learners and we want it to be positive and memorable for them. Learners in every other year level have opportunities next year.

This week we have started sports and performing arts practices/get-togethers. Be sure to watch the school notices for information about what the modified seasons and activities will look like.

In a few weeks we have our Learner Led Conferences. These are an important face-to-face opportunity for our learners, teachers and whanau to further re-connect and re-engage. Over the last four years we have had much feedback from parents and teachers about how positive it is to hear from learners about where they are at with their learning and what their next steps will be.

On the first version of our calendar we had a Staff Only Day scheduled for Friday 29 May, which was postponed because of the Covid situation. We will now be having this Staff Only Day on Friday 19 June.

Our Whangaparaoa Peninsula Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning) is being co-led by the four principals, namely, Matt Sides, Stanmore Bay; Mel Crosbie, Gulf Harbour; Kevin Cronin, Whangaparaoa Primary; and me. We are continuing to focus on further improving the transitions through the different years of schooling, and on the hauora (overall wellbeing) of our staff and learners. We have plans to also strengthen the early screening and intervention for our young ones starting their primary school adventure – to catch them before they fail – and set them up for success. It is a pleasure to work closely with these Principals to ensure positive educational outcomes for all our tamariki, all the kids on our Peninsula.

Ka kite ano

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## Learner Led Conferences

These will be on Wednesday 17 June and Thursday 18 June.  
We will be checking in, making a plan and giving clarity.  
Please see the "Upcoming Events" section for times.

## Teacher Only Day - Friday 19 June

Please note that school will be closed for learners on Friday 19 June – this day is a replacement date for the Teacher Only Day that was cancelled on Friday 29 May.

## Duke of Edinburgh

During lockdown, positive stories continued of the amazing activities Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award participants were doing around the country to support their communities.

**Xavier Mika** was keeping really busy volunteering with *Love Soup* for his Award, an organisation which provides food to those in need without judgement.



Also, keen to stay fit during lockdown, Xavier was keeping up his fitness. Not only was he doing kickboxing with his trainer Linda (via Zoom calls), Xavier used his Kiwi ingenuity to build his own gym from anything he could find at home. Being very goal driven, Xavier hasn't let the weeks in lockdown hold him back.



The Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award is the New Zealand branch of the world's leading youth development award with over 1.3 million young people taking part worldwide. The Award has four main sections that participants need to complete - Voluntary Service, Physical Recreation, Skills and Adventurous Journey. Over 18,000 young New Zealanders are currently participating in the Award programme. It's good to see the initiative many are showing during the COVID-19 crisis to continue their Award in new and creative ways while at home.

(Excerpt from Karen Ross – National Director DofE Hillary).

## Senior Production



Our Senior School Production for 2020 is the one and only **Clue!** Originally scheduled to be on stage in early April, it has been postponed to later in the year. Clue is based on the classic film and popular board game, featuring the well-known characters of Scarlett, Plum, White, Peacock, Green and Mustard. It is a madcap comedy that will keep you guessing until the final twist!

***Watch this space!!***

## From the Nurse

### **LUMINO DENTAL**

Due to COVID 19 lockdown, the mobile Lumino Dental Clinic was unable to come to WGP College to provide dental care to our Year 9 – 13 learners. They have rescheduled to come back in the next school holidays. We will notify you closer to the time with how to book appointments.

**For emergencies or tooth-aches please contact 027 2228 521**

### **IMMUNISATIONS**

Year 7 Boostrix vaccinations are booked for Monday 3 August.

Year 8 HPV 1 will be on Monday 8 June and HPV 2 will be on Monday 16 November.

## Examination Supervisors Needed

### **PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NOT REQUIRED**

Whangaparaoa College and the Ministry of Education require responsible adults to supervise learners sitting NCEA external examinations and school practice examinations leading up to NCEA.

Applicants would need to be available weekdays from **14 -21 October** and from **16 November - 9 December**. Days and hours to be negotiated.

If you are interested, please contact **Colin Forster** [cbf6901@gmail.com](mailto:cbf6901@gmail.com) or **021 122 2860**

This role is remunerated.

## BYOD Deals

Whangaparaoa College have teamed up with suppliers of BYOD devices and accessories to offer our community access to online deals.

To access the deals at:

**Cyclone** please click [here](#) and enter the password: **wgpcbyod**

**PB Tech** please click [here](#)

**Noel Leeming** please click [here](#) select mynoelleeming on the top bar, setup BYOD membership, choose school.

## Careers

### University Scholarships for Year 13 Learners

MoneyHub, a consumer finance website, has published a guide to hundreds of scholarships for any learner planning to start university in 2021.

The comprehensive list includes scholarships offered by every university as well as those specifically available to local learners. A list of privately-funded, Maori, Pacific and International university scholarships complete the list.

Applications close throughout the year, with tens of millions of dollars available. MoneyHub has also published a list of tips for scholarship success.

For more details and to find suitable scholarships, visit the [MoneyHub Scholarship page](#)



### Young Drivers Online Licencing Workshops

Learners looking to sit their Learners or Restricted Licence when testing centres reopen, are being offered a free online support session to help them prepare.

Register at the links below:

<https://at.govt.nz/driving-parking/road-safety/young-drivers/learner-driver-licence-workshops/>

<https://at.govt.nz/driving-parking/road-safety/young-drivers/restricted-driver-licence-workshops/>

or click on any of these:

[Learner Licence](#) or [Restricted Licence](#)

In these sessions we will give them:

- information about the different stages of New Zealand's graduated driver licence
- advice on how to stay safe when driving
- resources to help them work towards their Learners or Restricted Licence
- insights into what to expect on the test day
- an opportunity to ask questions, share their experiences and get advice from experienced trainers.

## Upcoming Events

<b>June</b>	8	Year 8 HPV1 Vaccine
	17	Careers Expo, Gym, 6.00 pm
	17	Learner Led Conferences, 2.00-8.00 pm School closes 12.30 pm
	18	Learner Led Conferences, 2.00-6.00 pm School closes 1.30 pm
	<b>19</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day</b>

For more information from our school calendar please see [Quick Links](#)

## Community Notices



**Marrzipan Drama** is running a special DISCOUNTED short term for the rest of Term 2! Learners will get to explore different scripts, choose their favourite, audition and be cast as a character, and then record a MOVIE TRAILER for the play. A digital copy will be sent to parents so you can celebrate your child's achievements by watching it at home with them.

Marrzipan Drama is a safe space where children are encouraged to learn at their own pace and come out of their shell when they are ready, with the guidance of our wonderful, fun and supportive Marrzipan teachers. We are complying with Level 2 guidelines and limiting our classes to 9 learners (10 humans in the space including the teacher), with sanitiser on hand and no contact teaching.

Check out our website for more info or to book a trial class  
[marrzipandrama.co.nz](http://marrzipandrama.co.nz)

### Whangaparaoa College Physio Clinic (established 2010)

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**Where? Admin Block – Downstairs**

**When? Open every Wednesday & Friday 12.00 to 2.00pm**

To make an appointment or discuss your needs:  
Phone/text 021 187 3299 or Coast Physio 424 1309

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## Supporting success in your school.

If you're a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you take out a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate \$500 to your chosen participating school.

# \$500

ASB's lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply.  
Eligibility criteria - Documentation of the facility agreement must be done by 30 June 2020.  
For this promotion to apply you must make mention of it during the home loan application.  
Only applies to loans which are secured by residential owner-occupied property with a minimum of 20% equity. The offer is limited to one donation per new home loan. The donation will be made to the chosen school on complete draw-down of the home loan. Excludes lending through brokers. Full eligibility criteria, exclusions, terms and conditions are available at [asb.co.nz/promotions/supporting-success-in-your-school.html](http://asb.co.nz/promotions/supporting-success-in-your-school.html)

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Contact your local Whangaparaoa ASB Branch on 09 421 9810 for further information on great home loan rates, and how you can help support Whangaparaoa College with a \$500 donation.

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